

Office of the Mayor

CITY OF NEW YORK



Proclamation

WHEREAS: OUR NATION RISES ON THE FOUNDATION OF GENERATIONS OF IMMIGRANTS WHO CROSSED OCEANS SEEKING NEW FREEDOMS AND OPPORTUNITIES, INCLUDING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FROM INDIA. I AM ENORMOUSLY PROUD TO LEAD A CITY WITH SUCH A LARGE AND THRIVING INDIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY THAT CONTRIBUTES TO EVERY SECTOR OF OUR SOCIAL, POLITICAL, AND CULTURAL LIFE. THEIR ENTREPRENEURSHIP, INGENUITY, AND SELFLESSNESS HAVE PLAYED KEYS ROLE IN BUILDING UP OUR VAST GLOBAL NETWORK OF SUCCESSFUL COMPANIES, MINORITY- AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (M/WBES), AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. THIS AFTERNOON, AS WE GATHER FOR TODAY'S CONCERT CELEBRATING INDIA'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE, I AM PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE STANDOUTS AMONG THEM, SANKARA NETHRALAYA AND SANKARA NETHRALAYA USA.

WHEREAS: LOCATED IN TAMIL NADU, INDIA, SANKARA NETHRALAYA IS A LEADING HOSPITAL IN THE FIELD OF OPHTHALMOLOGY, PROVIDING EFFICIENT, EFFECTIVE, AND EMPATHETIC CARE TO ALL ITS CLIENTS. IN 1988, IT EXPANDED INTO THE UNITED STATES AND ESTABLISHED SANKARA NETHRALAYA USA, WHICH SERVES AS A TRUST TASKED WITH SUPPORTING AND PROMOTING ITS IMPORTANT MEDICAL INSTITUTION ACROSS THE OCEAN. FROM WATERING EYES AND DROOPING EYE LIDS TO LOSS OF VISION AND REFRACTIVE SURGERY, EYES REQUIRE SPECIALIZED CARE AND KNOWLEDGEABLE PROFESSIONALS TO REMAIN HEALTHY, AND SANKARA NETHRALAYA HAS BEEN A LEADER IN TREATING THESE CONDITIONS. ACCESSIBILITY AND GENEROSITY ARE NOT ONLY AT THE CORE OF ITS MISSIONS, BUT ARE ALSO ITS PRACTICE. OVER THE LAST YEAR, IT HAS PERFORMED MORE THAN 20,000 FREE SURGERIES AND PRODUCED AN IMPRESSIVE NUMBER OF RESEARCH PAPERS. WHEN PATIENTS VISIT, THEY HAVE ACCESS TO THE ORGANIZATION'S OWN ON-SITE DRUG STORE, SO THEY DO NOT HAVE TO GO ELSEWHERE TO RECEIVE A PRESCRIPTION, AS WELL AS ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOODS AND A UTILITY SHOP RUN BY THE HOSPITAL'S WOMEN'S AUXILIARY, WHICH ALSO DISTRIBUTES FREE EYEGASSES TO THOSE IN NEED.

WHEREAS: TODAY'S DISPLAY OF TALENT, COORDINATED BY SANKARA NETHRALAYA USA, IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE INDIA'S MANY TALENTS AND TRIUMPHS, FROM ITS BUSINESSES AND MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS TO ITS CEOS AND MUSICIANS. BY HOSTING THIS CONCERT, THIS ORGANIZATION IS PLAYING A KEY ROLE IN GUARANTEEING HEALTH CARE AS A HUMAN RIGHT ACROSS THE GLOBE WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY STRENGTHENING THE BOND BETWEEN INDIA AND THE UNITED STATES. AS WE CELEBRATE INDIA'S 75TH YEAR OF FREEDOM AND SOVEREIGNTY, I AM PLEASED TO JOIN IN APPLAUDING SANKARA NETHRALAYA, ITS US-BASED NONPROFIT, AND TODAY'S HONOREES FOR THEIR INDELIBLE IMPACT ACROSS OUR CITY, NATION, AND GLOBE.

NOW THEREFORE, I, ERIC ADAMS, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SUNDAY, JUNE 19TH, 2022 IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK AS:

"SANKARA NETHRALAYA DAY"



Eric Adams
ERIC ADAMS
MAYOR